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IAPCO Annual Meeting & General Assembly to be hosted by Tokyo, Japan in 2018

At the recent Annual Meeting and General Assembly (AM/GA) of the International Association of Professional Congress Organisers (IAPCO) held in Cape Town, South Africa, IAPCO announced that Japan will be the host for the 49th IAPCO AM/GA in 2018. Its capital city, Tokyo will welcome prominent PCOs from around the world.



2018 Bid winner: Tokyo, Japan

Kayo Nomura, Congress Corporation with other IAPCO Council members

2018 will mark IAPCO's 49th AM/GA since its establishment in 1968, and the association will simultaneously celebrate its 50th Anniversary in Tokyo!

While Tokyo will host the IAPCO AM/GA in February 2018, Osaka will host the related IAPCO Council meetings. In addition, the Organizing Committee of Japan 2018 is planning to offer opportunities for involvement by convention bureaus throughout the country, so that IAPCO's member PCOs could visit other prospective MICE destination cities in Japan for pre- and/or post-AM/GA activities.

IAPCO has seen significant growth in membership from the Asian region, and in 2013 our own Kayo Nomura, Chief Director of Congress Corporation, was elected to the Council for the first time in 20 years. Tokyo 2018 will be the first time in 22 years that the IAPCO meeting will return to Asia (Bali, Indonesia 1996). It will be the second time Japan has hosted the event (Chiba, 1993).

Congress Corporation has been a member of IAPCO since 1999, and was a key member of the team in Japan that organizing the bid, with strong support from the national and local governments, including the Japan National Tourism Organization, the Japan Tourism Agency, the Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau. The bid was also supported by the following meetings/events industry organizations: Japan Congress & Convention Bureau (JCCB) and Japan Convention Management Association (JCMA).

All of us at Congress Corporation intend to put forth our best efforts in the preparations ahead to ensure the success of this esteemed event. We look forward, along with everyone in Japan's meetings industry, to welcoming the 2018 AM/GA meeting to Japan in 2018!

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